

Bendoc Wheel

Bendoc Movie Night

As a result of the collaboration between the Bendoc Neighbourhood House and the Bendoc Community Hall, the Bendoc movie night held on the 26th of November was very successful. The Neighbourhood House was fortunate enough to receive funding through the East Gippsland Shire Council from Regional Development Victoria. The weather was kind, and approximately 60 community members gathered outside the Bendoc Hall for a BBQ dinner before the movie. The Bendoc Hotel created a delicious assortment of fresh salads to go with the BBQ, and ice creams, fairy floss and popcorn were available for everyone to enjoy throughout the movie. After dinner, Top Gun – Maverick screened inside on the Hall's recently acquired projector and screen. Some children who were too full of energy to sit through a movie opted to play on the new play equipment at the Hall playground.

We would like to thank Regional Development Victoria for the funding that enabled us to hold this event and we would like to thank Paula Jorgenson, Place Manager for East Gippsland Shire, for making us aware of this funding opportunity.

We would also like to thank all the community members who came along, supported us, and helped out on the night. With some luck, we can make the Bendoc movie night a regular occurrence. More photos on page 5.



Above: The new movie screen at the Bendoc Hall

25 November 2022

SNSWLHD Ref: 22/10119

Dear Delegate community members, MPS residents and families, staff, members of the Delegate Progress Association and Community Consultation Committee,

I am grateful for your feedback and support as we work together to ensure the best health outcomes for the Delegate and Bombala communities.

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on service delivery from the Delegate MPS.

Whilst there are no proposals to close Residential Aged Care in Delegate, it is important to highlight that staffing continues to be a challenge. Currently, there are only two permanent nursing staff employed by the District of the ten Full Time Equivalent (FTE) nursing positions required.

The District is making every effort to recruit nurses to Delegate, Bombala and Cooma with an emphasis on rotation of staff across all three sites to build capacity and experience. Advertised roles are eligible for the new Regional Health incentive scheme which includes opportunities for paid accommodation, postgraduate qualifications, and cash bonuses.

As previously discussed, the focus moving forward will be the implementation of an Assessment and Treatment Care Centre (ATCC). The opening hours for planned care at the ATCC will be 9am to 5pm. Unplanned presentations after hours and weekends will be assessed and managed or referred in the usual way which will include utilisation of virtual Emergency Department support and liaison with NSW Ambulance. The Registered Nurse on duty will provide the appropriate assessment and care and the second nurse on duty will continue to care for the inpatients.

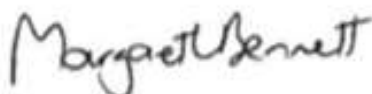
A new ATCC sign will replace the current Emergency Department sign this month to more accurately reflect the service that has operated at Delegate MPS without medical staff on site since 2008.

Along with the ATCC there will be an expansion of Community Health Services. Virtual care appointments are now available at Delegate MPS and new equipment has been purchased to set up a dedicated space for expanded virtual care services. The District is proposing increased specialist nursing and allied health care through a mix of face to face centre-based appointments and virtual care appointments. Discussions continue with General Practice to support virtual GP consultations. Delegate residents can access in-home remote monitoring for a range of conditions (including influenza, COVID-19 and diabetes) and can book in-home and virtual allied health appointments through the Central Intake Line **1800 999 880**.

The District is investigating the benefits of a dedicated Patient Transport Vehicle to provide non urgent transport between Cooma and Delegate to reduce pressure on ambulance services.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing engagement as we move forward and ask that you continue to engage with us as we implement these changes. Please send any comments or feedback to SNSWLHD-YourFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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PROJECT UPDATE 10

Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity



About the project

Since February 2022 we've been letting you know about activities and funding received for this project which is now focussed on delivering Stage 2 - delivery of Service Hubs across the district. Funding for Stage 3 - to employ a community nurse/care coordinator is being actively sought. If you need more information you can refer to past updates or get in contact with Eleni: hello@warmcornersconsulting.com

Stage 2: This month an additional two sources of funding has been awarded, \$5,000 per hall-precinct from the East Gippsland Community Foundation, and the East Gippsland Shire Council. With these funds, the Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group is now able to supply the co-contribution amount needed for the big grant received in October - \$193,943 from the Labor Government's *Living Local Fund*. Works will begin from February 2023 onwards, with design consulting and initial trades activities at each site.

This will be the last update of the year, but we will be back again from February 2023 to keep you updated about progress.

As the year comes to a close, we extend a big thank you to all the community volunteers on the Project Reference Group who have given so much of their time and energy getting the project where it is. The Group extends their gratitude to all the funding bodies and services that are helping make this project possible:

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PRESENTED BY

Dr Russ Barrow

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Beetle biology

History of introduction, anatomy, identification, habits and seasonal activity.



Current species and how to live trap and relocate

East Gippsland species, live trapping techniques and successful release procedures.



How to make and manage beetle nurseries

Beetle nursery design and management for the rearing of new summer beetle species

Wed 7th Dec 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Wairewa Hall

596 Wairewa Rd, Wairewa

Thurs 8th Dec 10am to 12:30pm

Gippsland Research Farm

Bengworden Rd (1.5km past Airport Rd)
Bairnsdale

SEE NEW SUMMER ACTIVE BEETLE SPECIES

AVAILABLE FREE FOR YOUR LANDHOLDER NURSERY

★ REGISTRATION REQUIRED ★

CLICK LINK: <https://bit.ly/3NQ3Gly>

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This project is supported by the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.



National Landcare Program





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- with readable labels
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A VICTORIA CHEMCLEAR COLLECTION IS COMING!

VIC Collection
February 2023




Registrations close
16 December 2022



For further information
call ChemClear on
1800 008 182

Register your chemicals at ChemClear:

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Above, left & below right: Photos from the Bendoc Movie night and dinner.

Below: The new playground at the Bendoc Hall.





Community meeting with Inspector-General Tony Pearce

The independent Inquiry into the 2019–20 Victorian Fire Season identified a range of opportunities for improvement to how Victoria prepares, responds, and recovers from emergencies.

Errinundra to Snowy community members are invited to catch up with Inspector-General for Emergency Management Tony Pearce to hear and share information about how recommendations from the Inquiry are being implemented.

Tuesday 13 December 2022

12.30 pm for 1.00 pm with light refreshments available

Goongerah Hall

Information on the Inquiry and registering for the meeting is available at igem.vic.gov.au or by calling (03) 8684 7900

Bendoc Community Hall AGM

DATE: **Wed 14th December 2022**

TIME: **4pm**

LOCATION: **Bendoc Memorial Hall**

Hall Committee AGM including electing of officials, followed by Ordinary meeting. Any prospective new general members of the Hall Committee should apply in writing prior to the meeting.

Email:

bendocpa@bigpond.com

or

wilson_stevenson@hotmail.com

New books from the East Gippsland Library now at the Bendoc Neighbourhood house. Available to loan.



Want to borrow but not a member? No problem. Com on in to the Neighbourhood House and we will sign you up. Simple as that :)

Announcements!



CFA Christmas BBQ

The CFA Christmas BBQ will be held on 3rd December starting at 12 noon at the Bendoc CFA shed. Our annual burnover drill will be followed by medal presentations and then the BBQ at 1pm. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

A little bit of history

Do You Remember 'The General'?: The Frank Dowling Story

Born in 1852, Frank Dowling was Bishop Owen Dowling's grandfather. We don't know when Frank Dowling came to live in Bendoc, but it is thought to have been some time in the late 1800s, say 1885-1890.

Frank Dowling was married to Jessie Mackenzie and they had five children together. Cecil Dowling was Frank's youngest son and the father of Owen.

It is not known how long Frank and his wife lived in Bendoc, but Bishop Owen thinks most of the younger members of the family lived here until Jessie became pregnant with the fifth child, Cecil.

When Cecil's birth was projected Jessie wanted to go to live in Melbourne and bring up the family there. It seems Jessie's stepmother had a big hand in this idea. Bishop Owen believes Frank took them by bullock dray to Glen Wills, then by coach to the railway at either Bairnsdale or Orbost, and from there the family travelled to Melbourne.

According to a letter from Bishop Owen Dowling (who now lives in the ACT), Frank Dowling did not like the 'influence of his mother in law', so he returned to Bendoc to live at the then Mustard's pub and to look after their accounts, as well as keeping his gold interests. He had earlier been an accountant with a Butter Factory in Gippsland (possibly Sale – Bishop Dowling is not certain on this point). Frank turned out to be one of the few people in Bendoc who could read, write and look after accounts. He came to be known as 'The General' because so many people sought his help in writing letters and with their affairs.

Bishop Dowling says Frank no doubt helped with the accounts of



the Victoria Mine as well as other mining ventures, and Frank was convinced that Bendoc would one day prosper as a flourishing centre of gold mining. Here is a picture of the staff of the Victoria Mine, dated 1913, which has been passed on to us by Bishop Owen. Frank is the one sitting at the right hand end.

Bishop Owen is always pleased to hear anything local people of Bendoc may remember of Frank Dowling and his gold mining 'proclivities', as is his older brother Ken who also likes to accumulate information about him. If anybody out there recognizes any of the faces in this photograph or has any stories about any of these people including Frank, please feel free to pass the story on to us at the Bendoc Wheel. We know that Frank Dowling continued to live in Bendoc apart from his family in Melbourne from 1900 onwards, contributing his talents to many important community projects in and around Bendoc and Delegate.

Are you at a loose end for Christmas lunch?

Bendoc Hall is going to hold an informal Christmas Lunch at Noon on Christmas Day at the Hall for anybody who cares to come along. If you just want to relax and shoot the breeze and have a laugh, then you are more than welcome.

Lunch is free, probably a BBQ and salad with a desert.
Bring your own grog.

Games are available if you want to play against Marion :-)

Can you text Jim (on 0403196528) by Tuesday the 20th December, and leave your name and the number of adults and children who might be coming, just so we can plan.

Bendoc Neighbourhood House opening hours (Closed for January)

2022		December				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
05	06 Open 9:00-2:30	07 Open 9:00-2:30	08 Mobile library @ Bendoc Hall, last visit for the year.	09	10	11
12 Open 9:00-2:30	13 Open 9:00-2:30 Working dog school	14 Open 9:00-2:30	15	16 Bendoc Hall AGM @ 6pm followed by general meeting.	17	18
19	20 Open 9:00-2:30 Computers w Sharon	21 Open 9:00-2:30 Last day for the year, closed for Jan 2023	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	Notes:				